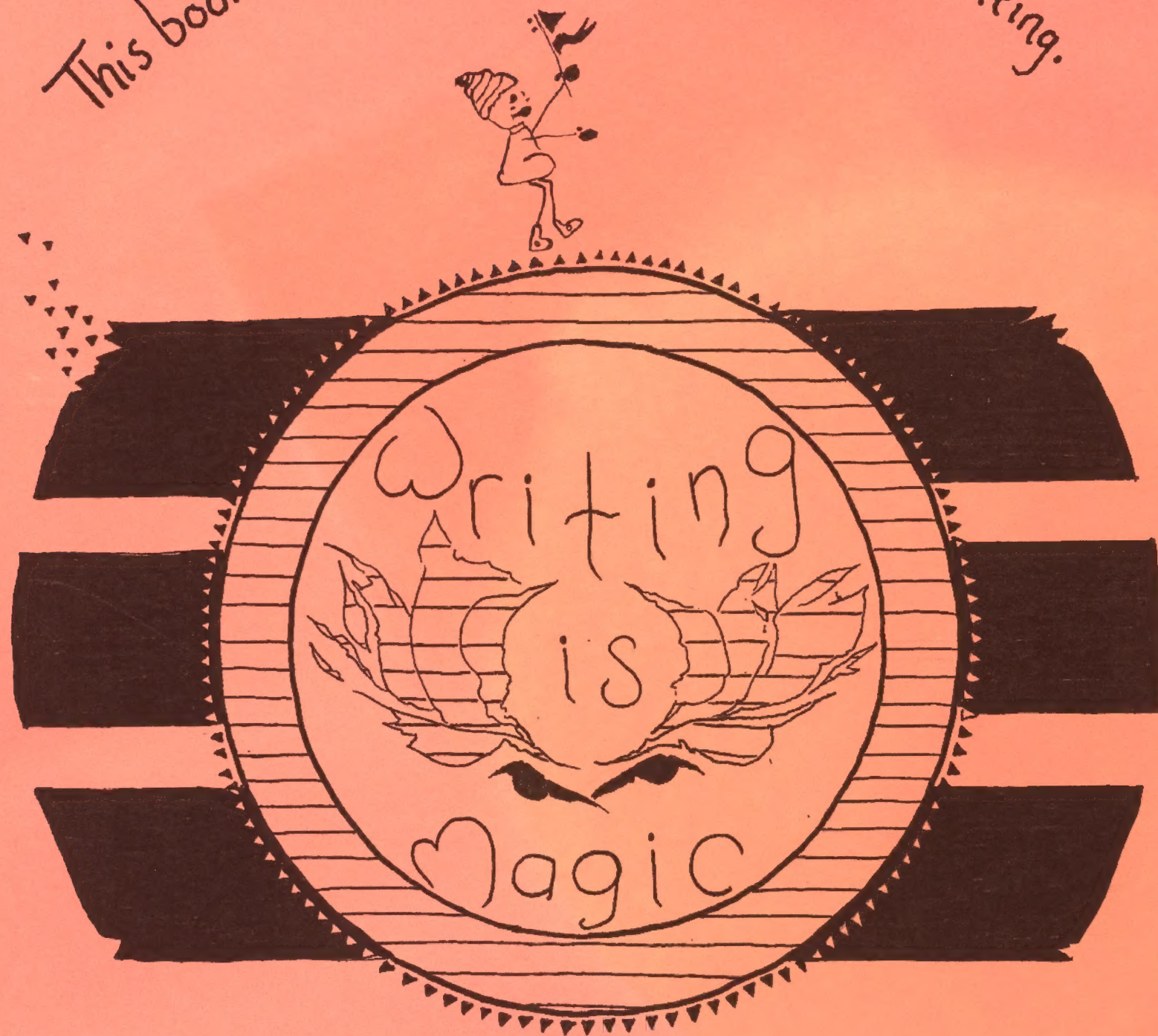


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Do you want to learn how to read and write cursive?
Follow me on a journey.
The more you learn, the more new worlds will open,
and the farther you will go.



This is the cursive alphabet

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee

Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk

Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq

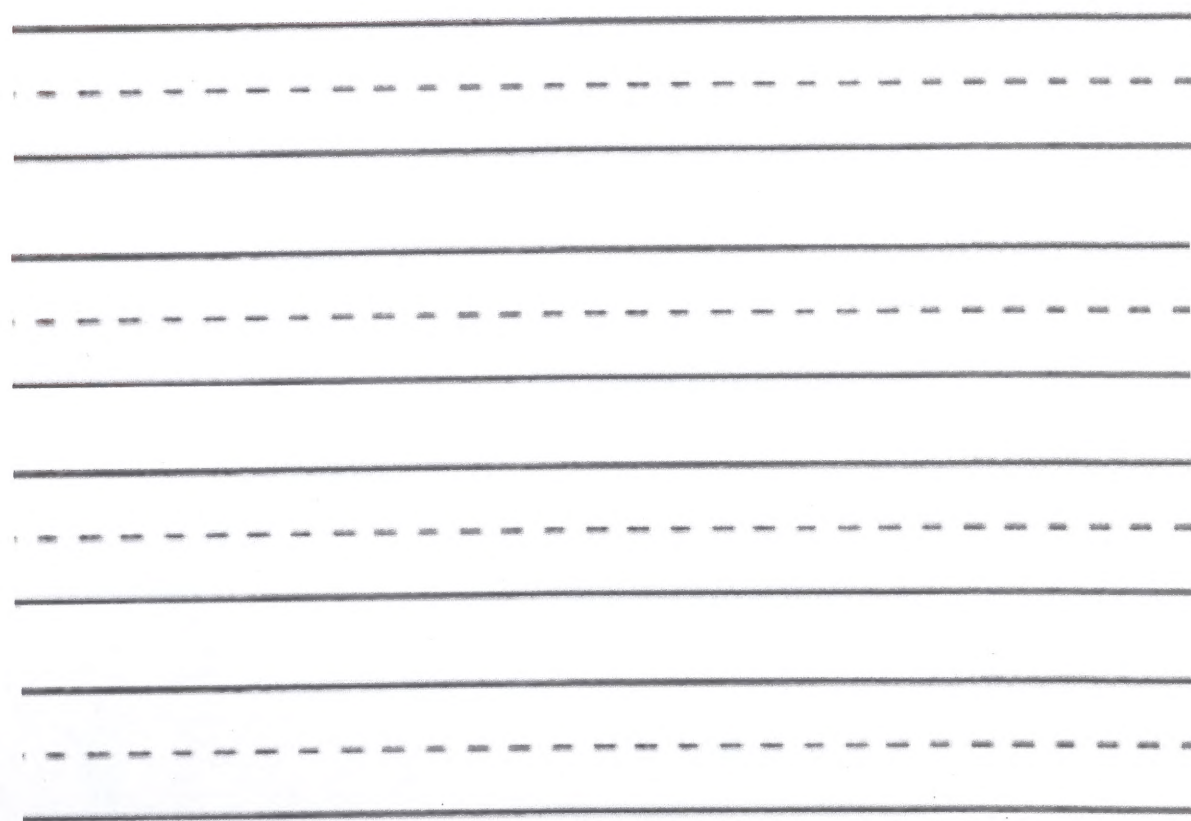
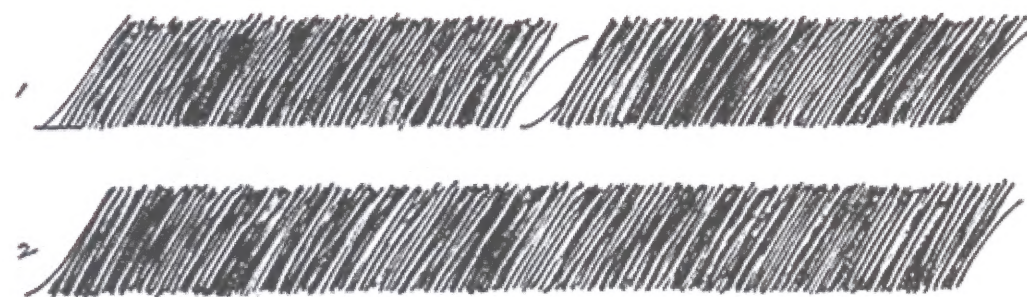
Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv

Ww Xx Yy Zz

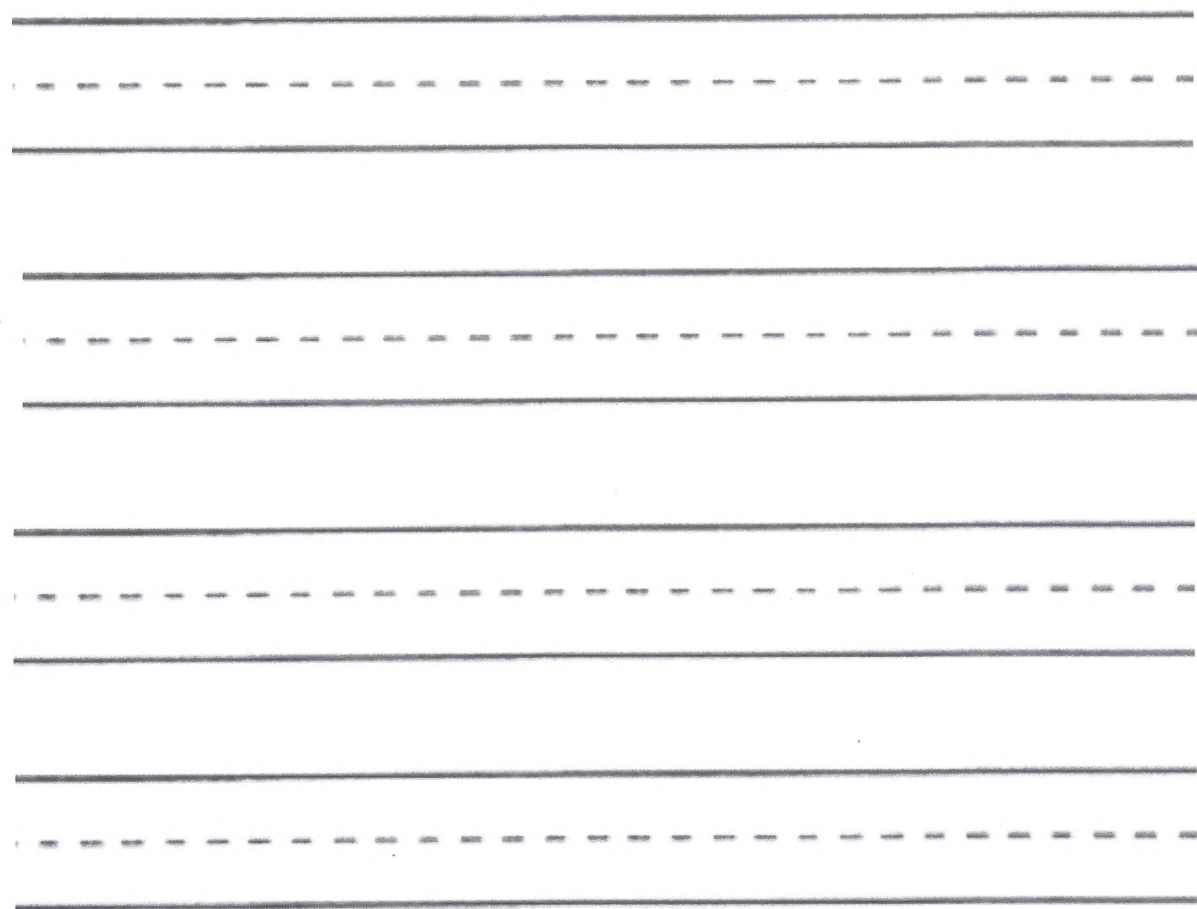
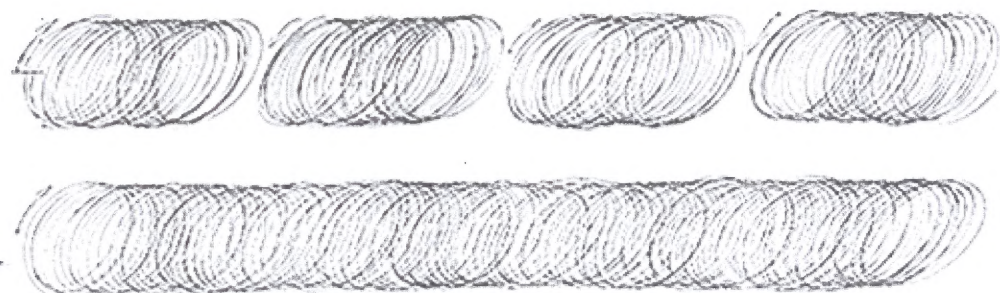
With my pencil & paper,
I can create
magic



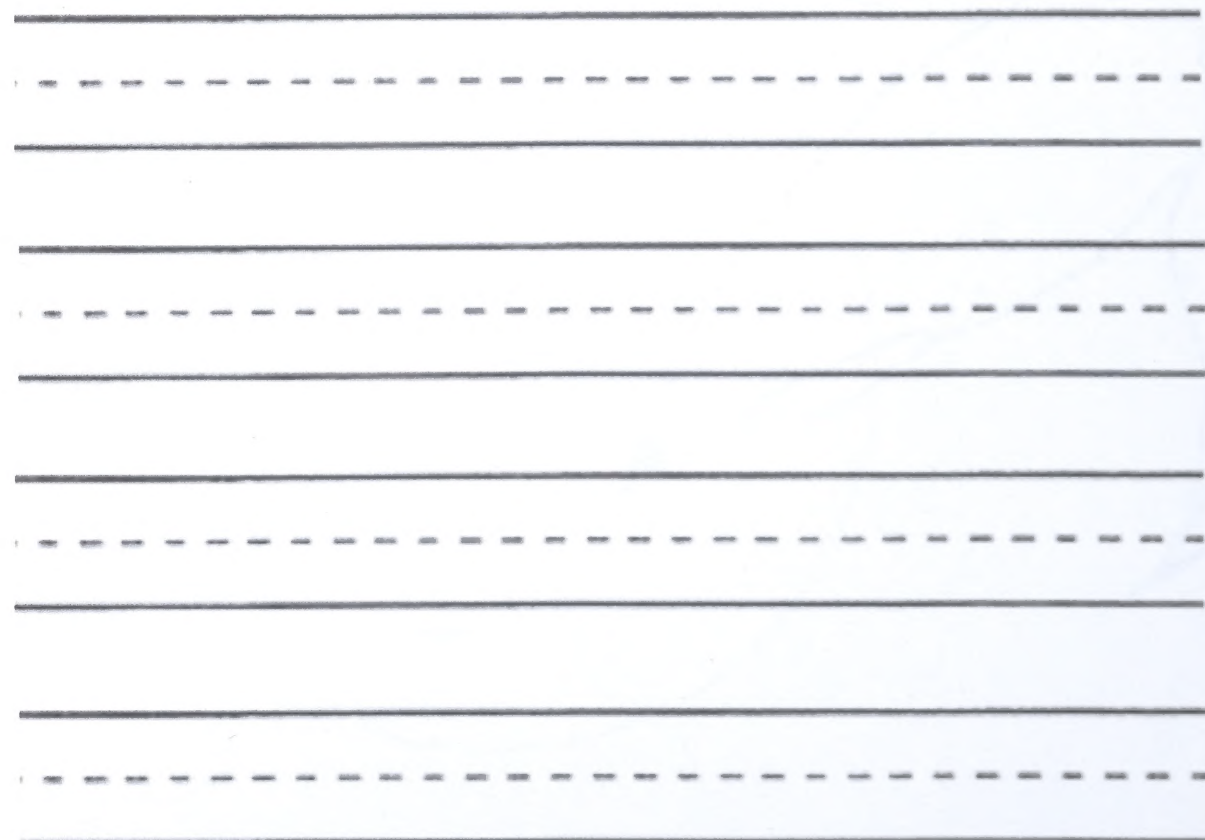
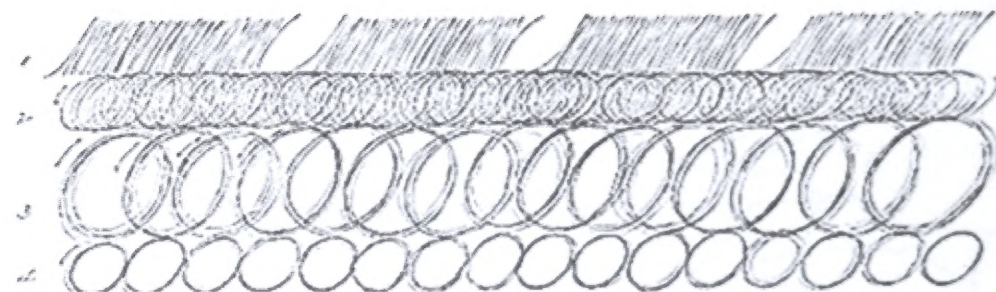
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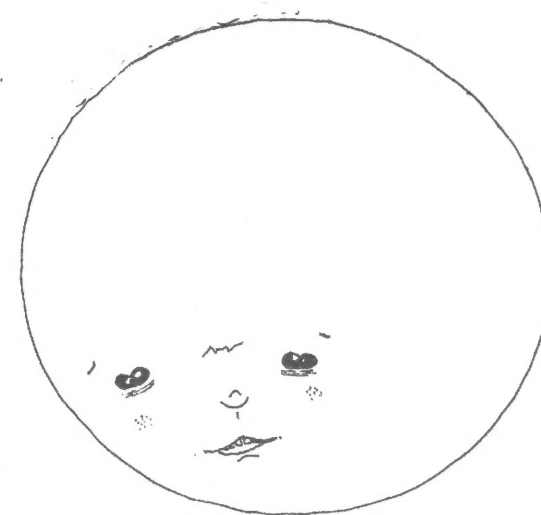


Practice Loops



Practice Lines and Loops





The sun is low and dim. Fill these
pages with cursive loops around the
sun, give him mighty rays to
light my journey!

Practice  Loops



Practice Letters...



A a

B b

C c

D d

E e

F f

G g



H h

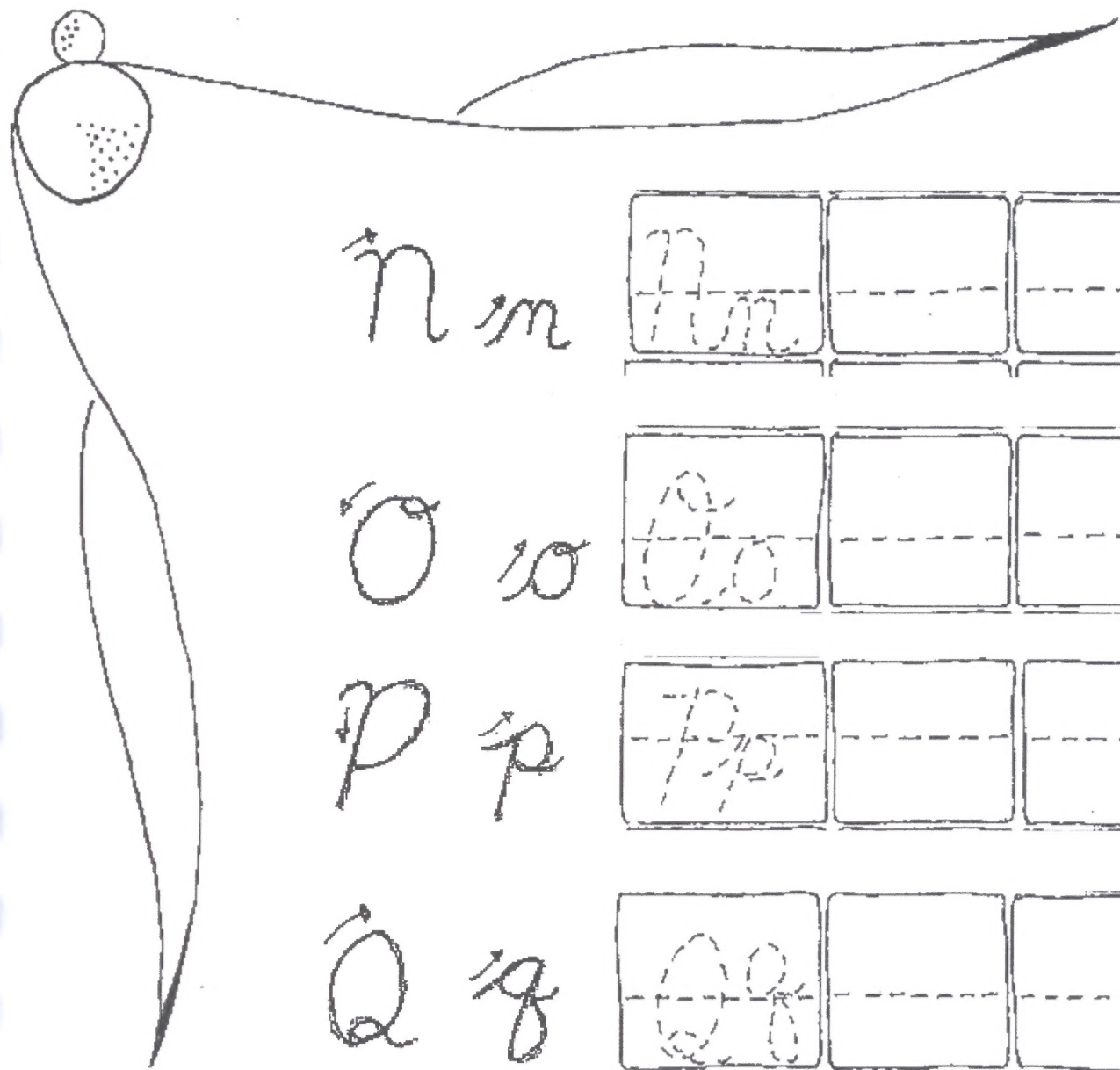
I i

J j

K k

L l

M m



N n

N n

O o

O o

P p

P p

Q q

Q q

R r

R r

S s

S s

T t

T t

U u

U u

V v

V v

W w

W w

X x

X x

Y y

Y y

Z z

Z z



Fill in the letters to practice!

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu
Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

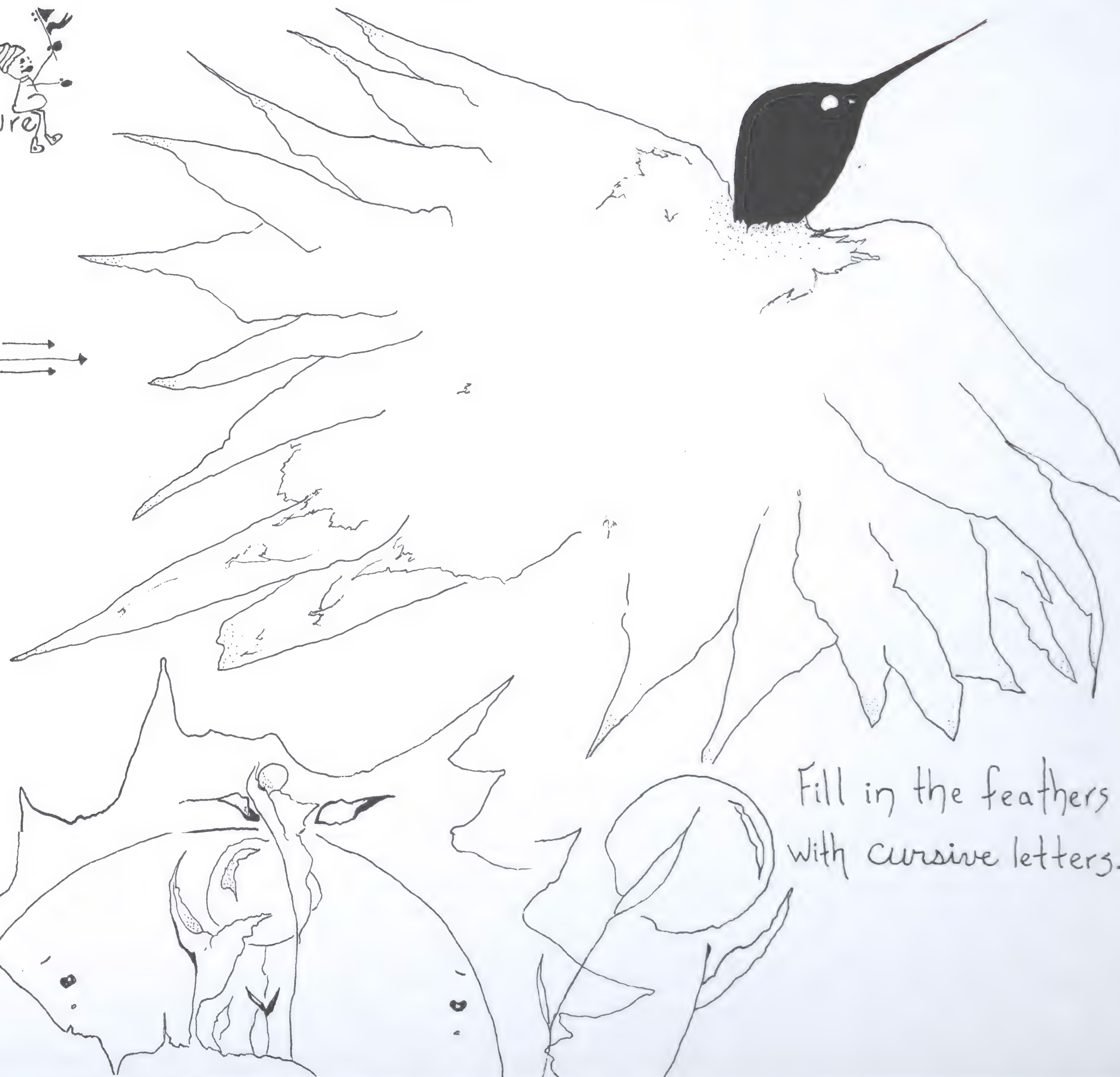


I'm going on an adventure



and I need your :magic:

to help me find my way $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$



Fill in the feathers
with cursive letters.

aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa-

c c

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

c c

b b

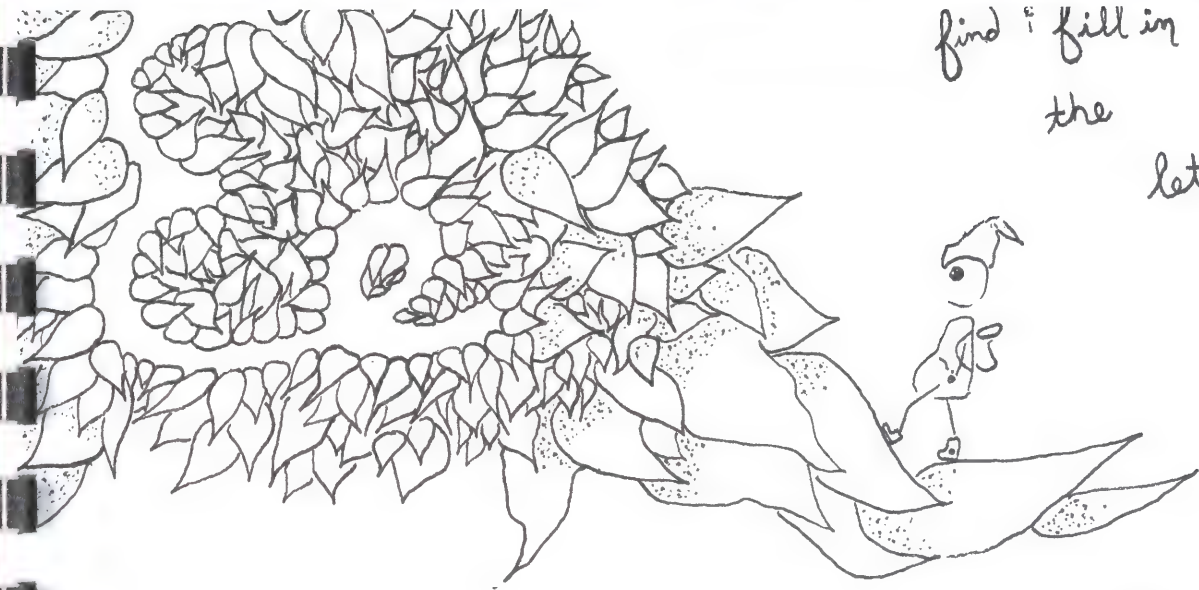
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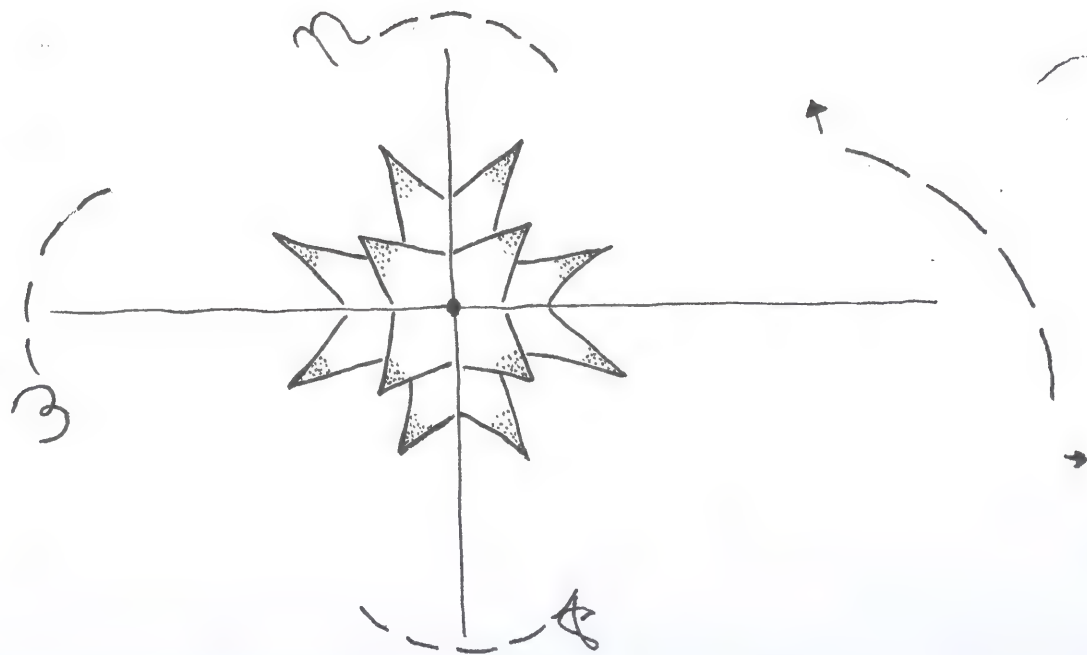
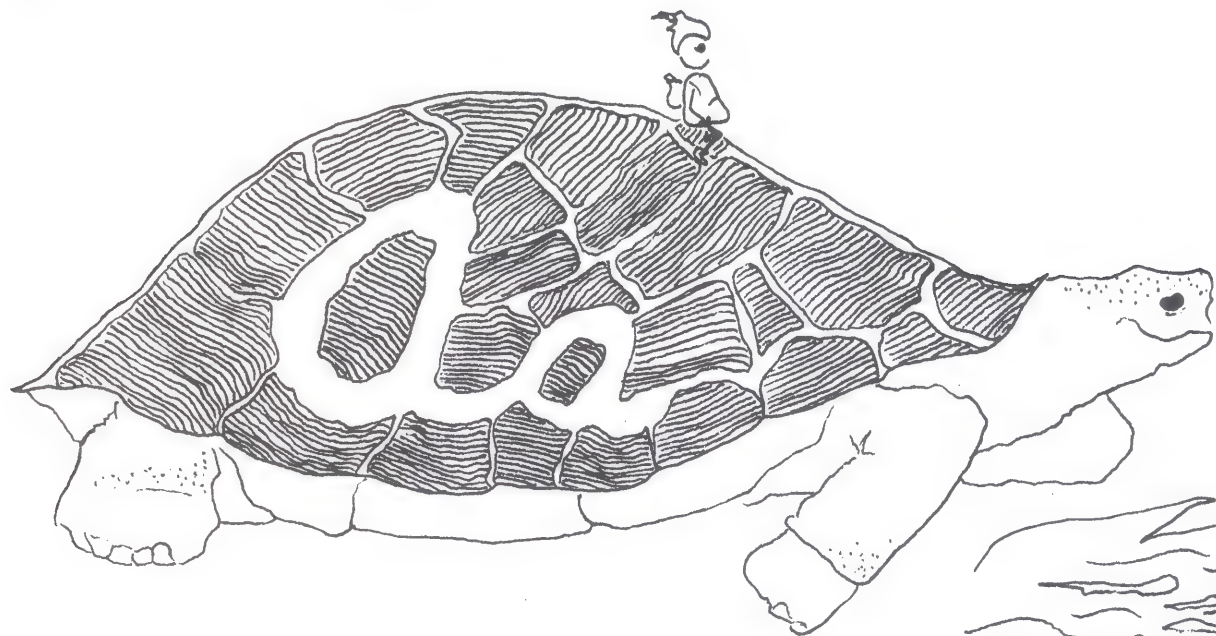




find & fill in
the
letters!



Complete the
compass
to help me find the right way

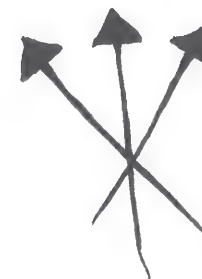


First Lessons in Penmanship

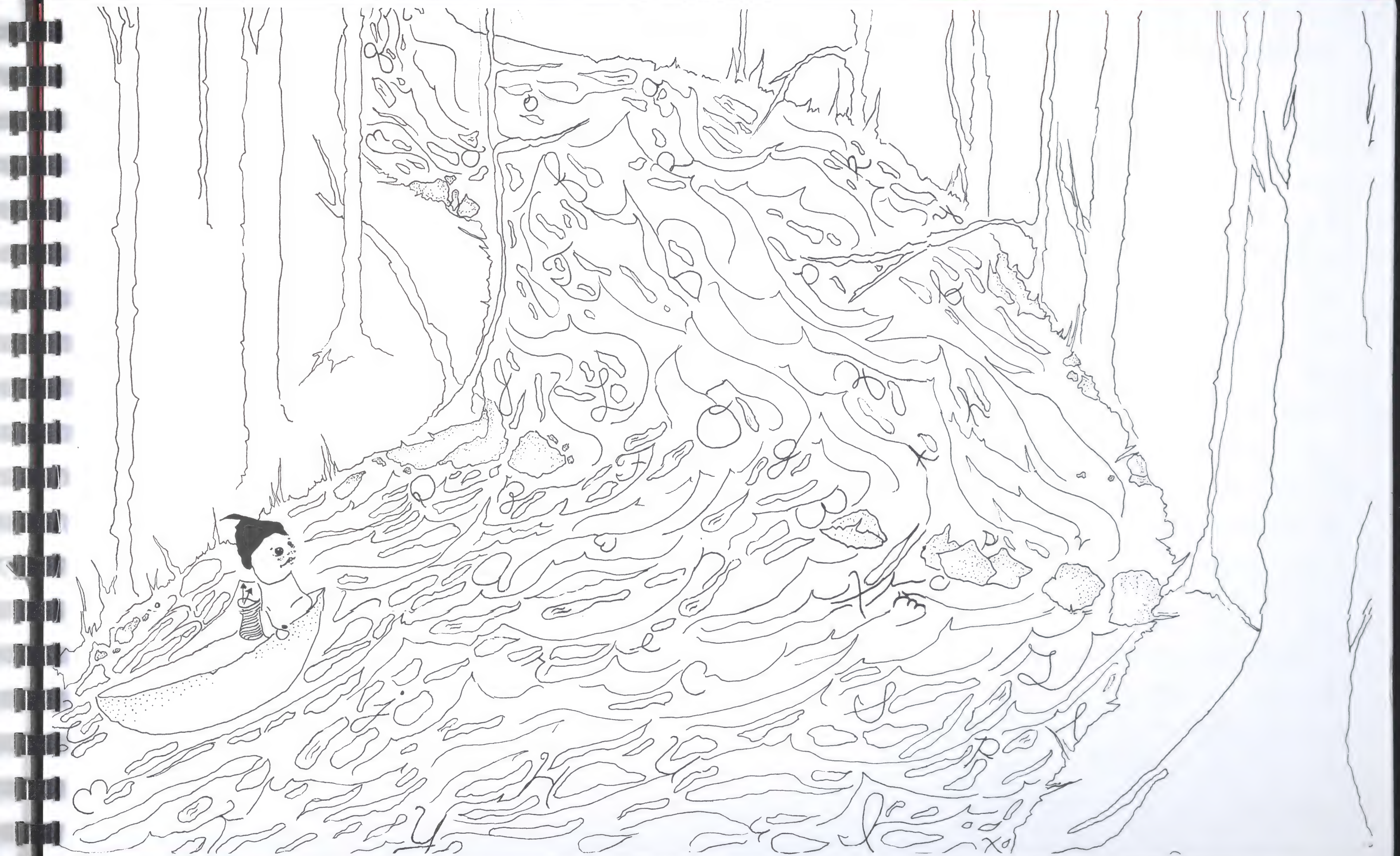
THE ALPHABET.

<i>A</i>	<i>a</i>	A a	<i>N</i>	<i>n</i>	N n
<i>B</i>	<i>b</i>	B b	<i>O</i>	<i>o</i>	O o
<i>C</i>	<i>c</i>	C c	<i>P</i>	<i>p</i>	P p
<i>D</i>	<i>d</i>	D d	<i>Q</i>	<i>q</i>	Q q
<i>E</i>	<i>e</i>	E e	<i>R</i>	<i>r</i>	R r
<i>F</i>	<i>f</i>	F f	<i>S</i>	<i>s</i>	S s
<i>G</i>	<i>g</i>	G g	<i>T</i>	<i>t</i>	T t
<i>H</i>	<i>h</i>	H h	<i>U</i>	<i>u</i>	U u
<i>I</i>	<i>i</i>	I i	<i>V</i>	<i>v</i>	V v
<i>J</i>	<i>j</i>	J j	<i>W</i>	<i>w</i>	W w
<i>K</i>	<i>k</i>	K k	<i>X</i>	<i>x</i>	X x
<i>L</i>	<i>l</i>	L l	<i>Y</i>	<i>y</i>	Y y
<i>M</i>	<i>m</i>	M m	<i>Z</i>	<i>z</i>	Z z

The water curls and swirls around the boat.



Can you find all of the letters?



Write the cursive letter beside each printed letter.

a		i		r	
b		k		s	
c		l		t	
d		m		u	
e		n		v	
f		o		w	
g		p		x	
h		q		y	
i				z	



Practice Letters...



Aa	Aa		
Bb	Bb		
Cc	Cc		
Dd	Dd		
Ee	Ee		
Ff	Ff		
Gg	Gg		
Hh	Hh		
Ii	Ii		





J j

J j

K k

K k

L l

L l

M m

M m

N n

N n

△ O o

O o

△ P p

P p

△ Q q

Q q

▽



R r

R r

S s

S s

T t

T t

U u

U u

V v

V v

W w

W w

X x

X x

Y y

Y y

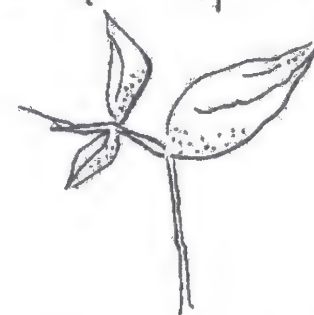
Z z

Z z

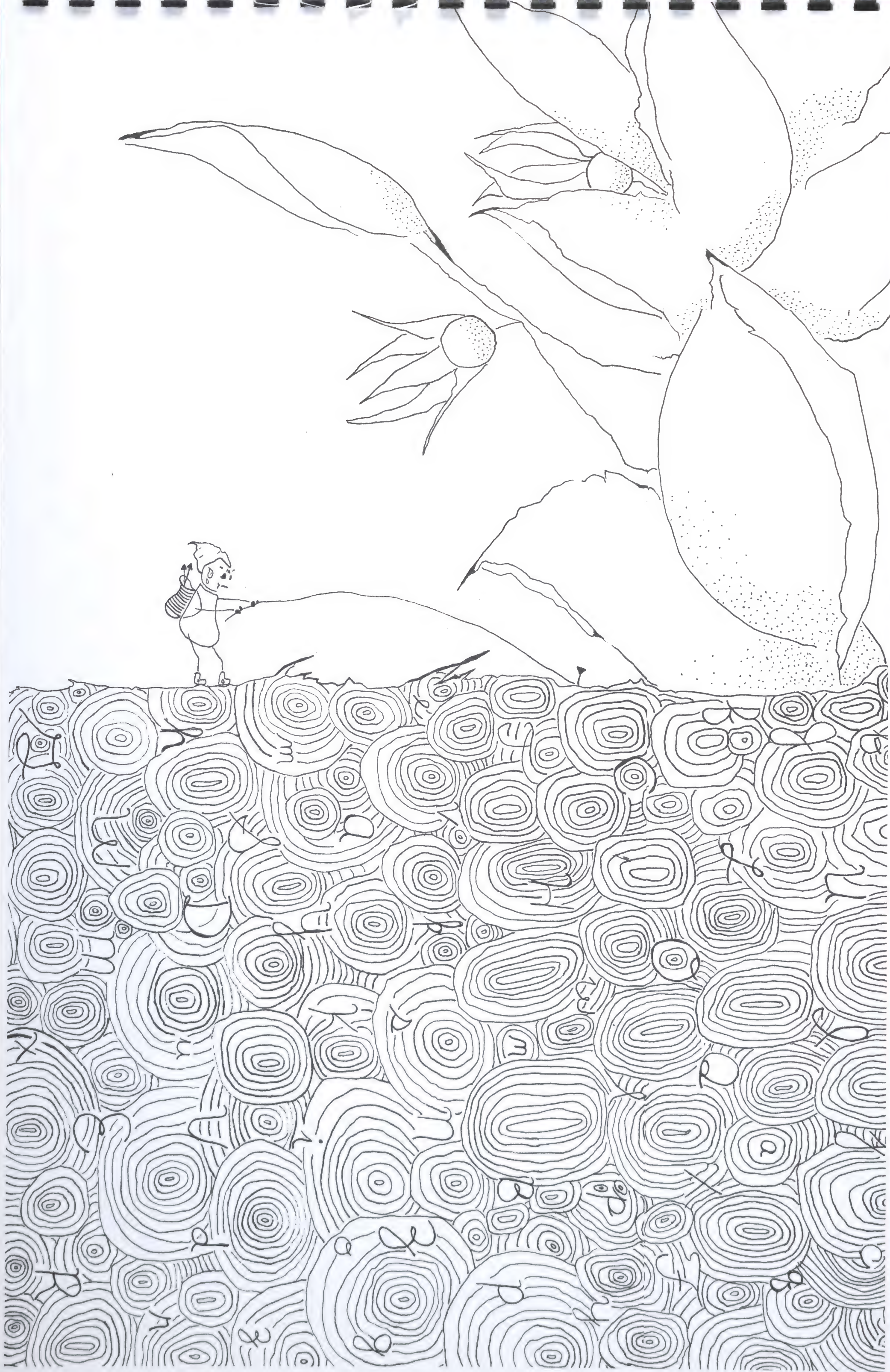
Write the cursive letter next to each printed letter.

A		J		R	
B		K		S	
C		L		T	
D		M		U	
E		N		V	
F		O		W	
G		P		X	
H		Q		Y	
I				Z	

The forest has infinite patterns!



Can you find all of the letters?



Try these combinations:

bb cc dd ff gg ll mm nn pp rr ss tt vv zz zz zz

ba be bi bo bu ca ce ci co cu da de di do du fa

fe fi fo fu ga ge gi go gu la le li lo lu ma me

Are you ready to practice?

find

help

fill

way

the

penicillin

water

boat

explore

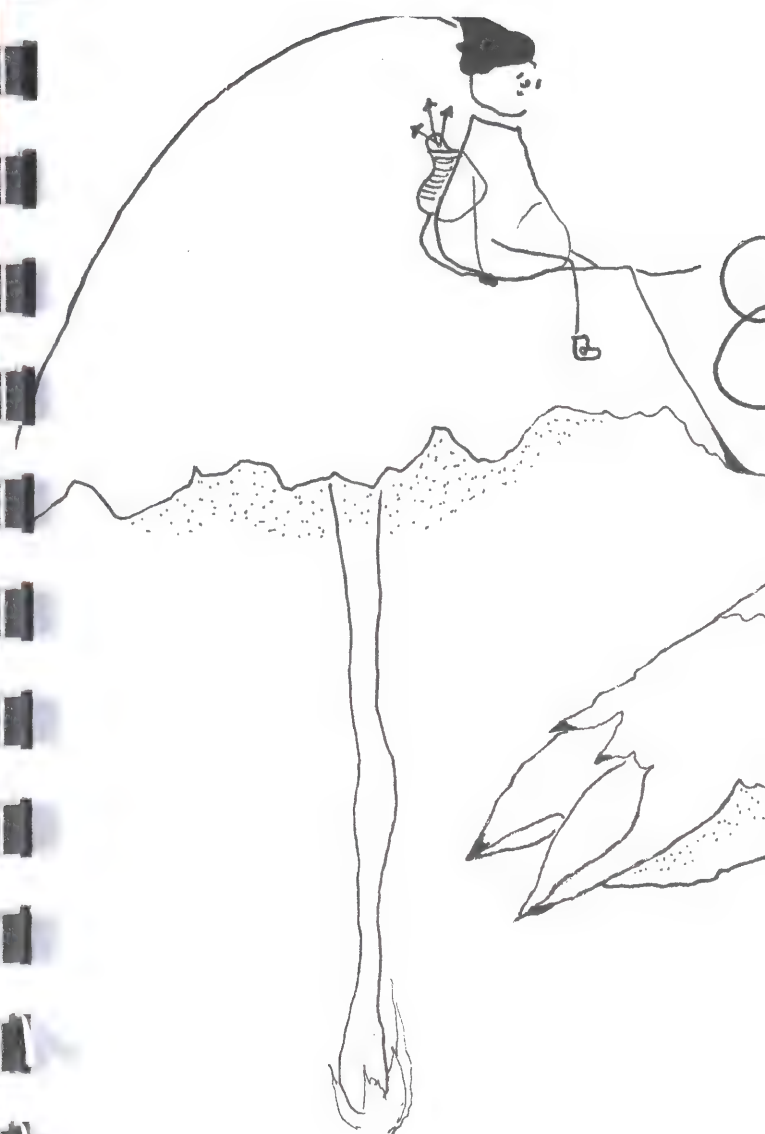
discover

climb

grow

create

Can you find any of these words on the next page?



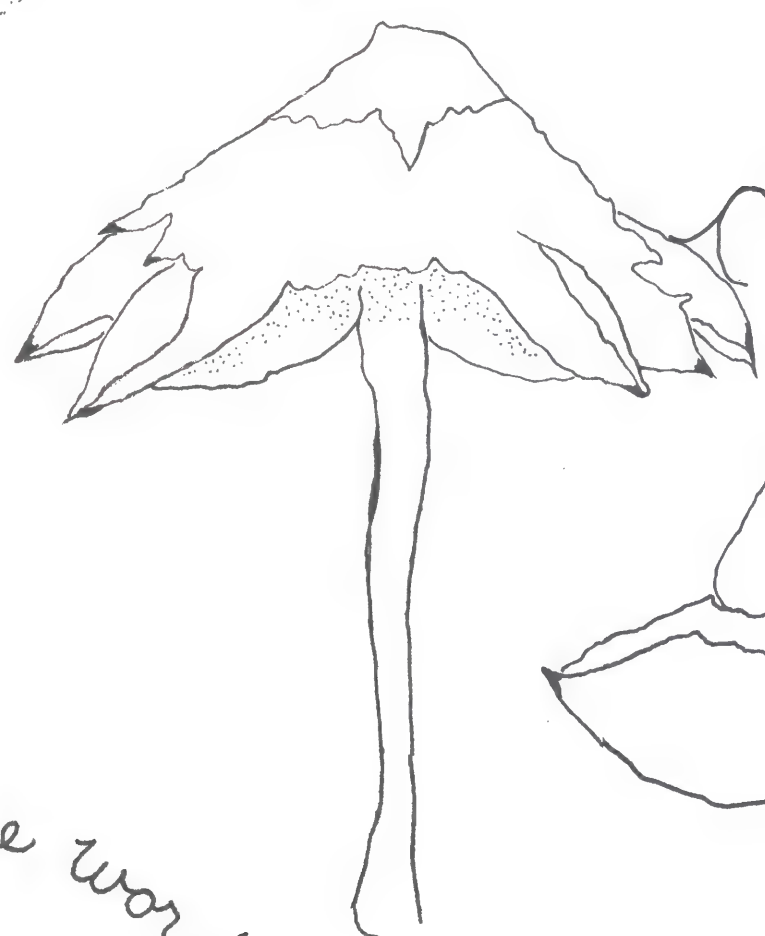
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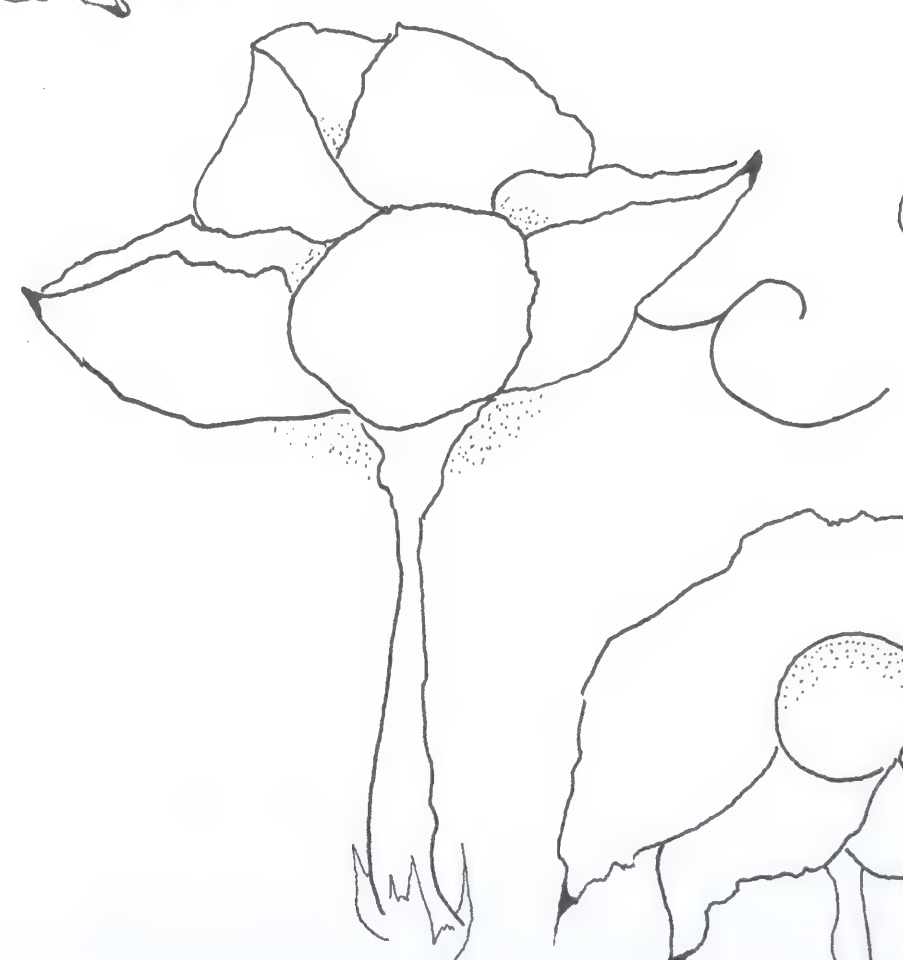
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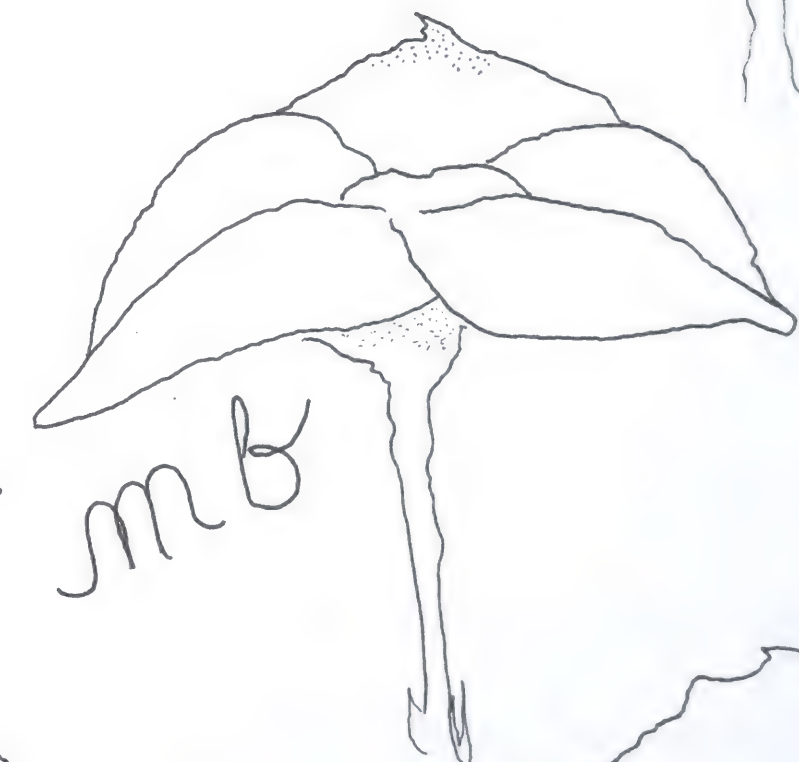
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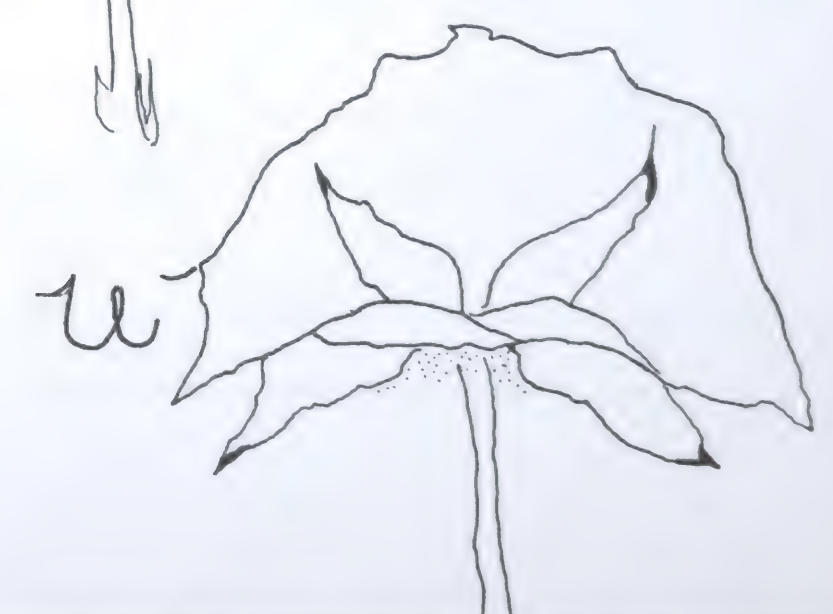
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mb



g7



u

finish the words
to help me across

Try these combinations:

mi mo mu na ne ni no nu pa pe pi po pu p

qua que qui quo qu ru re ri ro ru sa se si so su

ta te ti to tu va ve vi vo vu za ze zi zo zu xa

More Practice ▲

feathers

letters

adventure

complete

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mighty

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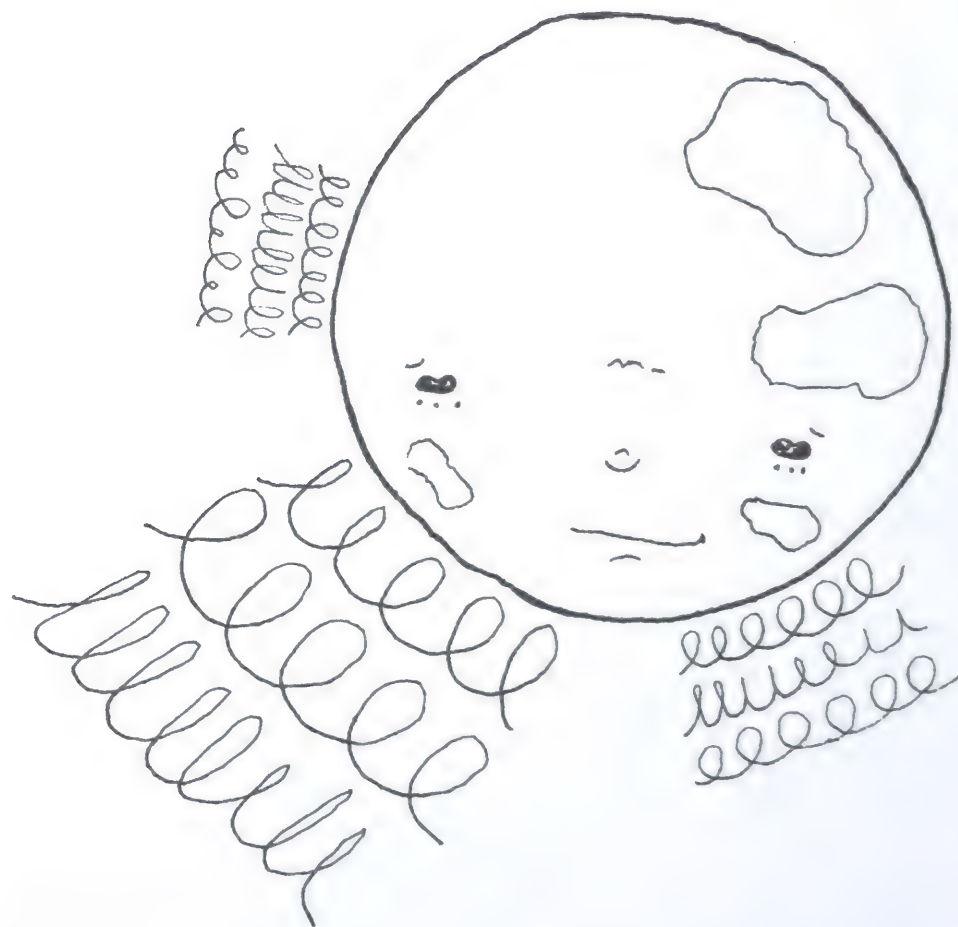
clouds

splash

Practice Loops!

And soon the moon will rise...

fill these pages with moonbeams.



Think of a word that starts with each letter →

A a

B b

C c

D d

E e

F f

G g

H h

I i

J j

K k

L l

M m

Can you write it in cursive ↗

N n

O o

P p

Q q

R r

S s

T t

U u

V v

W w

X x

Y y

Z z

Haiku Poetry

~17 syllables

3 lines

The clouds come and go
providing a rest for all
of the moon viewers

Trace the haiku ▽ ▽

under my tree-roof
slanting lines of april rain
separate to drops

an old silent pond...
a frog jumps into the pond,
Splash! Silence again.

haikus by Matsuo Bashō (1644-1694)

The quick brown fox
jumps over the lazy
dog.

Try these ▶▶▶

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

zero one two three four five

six seven eight nine ten

eleven twelve thirteen fourteen fifteen

sixteen seventeen eighteen nineteen twenty

Now trace to practice your handwriting.

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Handwriting practice lines on the right page, consisting of multiple sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid) for tracing and writing practice.

The quick brown fox
jumps over the lazy
dog.

classroom

the end of the world

the end of the world

the end of the world

the end of the world

Now trace to practice your handwriting...

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Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line for tracing.



Bright red pepper-rock

it needs but shiny
wings and look...

Darting dragon-fly!

Write your own haikus in cursive:



Now is the time for all
good men to come to the
aid of their country.

Page writing, sometimes called
body writing, requires the exercise of
all the skill we possess in using
the pen. Care should be taken in
the arrangement of the writing.

You have learned to write cursive, now you
can read cursive handwriting. Your eyes will
adjust to the writing of different people. Everyone
develops their own style of writing and you will too.

Now that you've learned to read cursive you will find so
many fun things to read!



Bright red-pepper-pock

it needs be
wings.

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I live in _____

My favorite color is _____

My birthday is _____

I would like to visit _____

My favorite animal is _____

My superhero name is _____

My best friend's name is _____

What did you dream about last night?

Where did you go on your last adventure?



After an adventure, we have so much to share.

But the journey's magic

doesn't have to end.

It can be found again

with our paper and pen.

Create it all once more
with a letter to a friend.



Dear Friend,

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home address
phone number
email address

Sincerely,

• your signature •

Practice your name in cursive:

Come, little leaves," said the wind one day,
Over the meadows with me and play.
Put on your dresses of red and gold,
For the summer is gone and the days grow cold."

Soon as the leaves heard the wind's low call,
Down they came fluttering, one and all.
Over the fields they danced and flew,
Singing the soft little songs they knew.

Dancing and whirling the little leaves went.
Winter had called them and they were content.
Soon fast asleep in their earthy beds,
The snow laid a coverlet over their heads.

All letters even at head and tail must stand:
Bear light your pen, and keep a steady hand.

Carefully strive in each line to excel;
Do every thing, that is to be done, well.

Excel in each new line, in every part:

Faults for the future shun, by rules of art.

Gripe not your pen, but hold it very slight,

Hold in your elbow, have a left hand light.



